Subject: Palm Lane RFP for Charter Petition
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Member Alert
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Dear Ruben,

Pursuant to the Parent Empowerment Act and implementing regulations, petitioning parents from the Palm Lane Elementary School ("Palm Lane") are launching a Request for Proposal ("RFP") process to select the organization that will submit a charter petition to transform Palm Lane into an independent charter school.

View guidelines for the RFP process here.

On January 14, 2015, parents at Palm Lane in Anaheim City School District (now named Anaheim Elementary District) ("District") utilized California's Parent Empowerment Act (popularly known as Parent Trigger) with the goal of restarting their school as an independent charter school. The District accepted the petition on July 26, 2017, after a successful lawsuit involving the Lead Petitioners and the California Center for Parent Empowerment (CPE), represented pro bono by Mark Holscher of Kirkland & Ellis LLP—the same firm that successfully represented the Parent Trigger-petitioning parents in Adelanto, California. With the District's July 26th action, the petitioners are authorized to move forward with their charter petition, which must be submitted to the District by October 24, 2017. The petitioners desire to open the new charter school at Palm Lane for the 2018-2019 school year.

The next step in the process is for the petitioners to exercise their power under the Parent Trigger regulations to solicit charter proposals from charter school operators, charter management organizations and education management organizations to transform Palm Lane. The California Charter Schools Association (CCSA), is assisting the petitioners and CPE by soliciting Letters of Interest and providing them to the petitioners for review and selection.

Upon thorough review of all submissions, the petitioners will select the successful charter school operator, who will then be required to develop the charter petition and submit it to the District before October 24, 2017. In order to meet these deadlines, petitioners request that all Letters of Interest be received by CCSA electronically **by 5 pm PST on Friday, August 18, 2017**.

Palm Lane has been a chronically underperforming K-6 grade school located in Anaheim, California. Since 2002-2003, Palm Lane has been in Program Improvement status for not meeting all requirements for Adequate Yearly Progress as determined by the California Department of Education. For the last ten years, it has been classified by the state as a failing school, and students' test results have declined over the last five years.

As of 2013, 62% of its students are not proficient in English-language arts, and 47% are not proficient in Math. Palm Lane's Statewide Rank—the decile where a school's Growth API falls compared with those of other schools of the same type— is two out of ten.

Please email any questions to CCSA at socaladv@ccsa.org.

Sincerely,

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